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1. SUMMARY: ESRO OFFICIAL IS DELIVERING ESRO DRAFT GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT TO POLLACK FOR APRIL 18 MEETING. GIBSON REQUESTED NAMES PRINCIPAL U. S. PARTICIPANTS, PROVIDED PROTOCOL SUGGESTIONS FOR NEGOTIATION GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER AND NASA EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH GIBSON AND KALTENECKER APRIL 12 TO DISCUSS SPACELAB AGREEMENTS. LATTER PROVIDED ESRO DRAFTS, COMMENTED THAT ESRO SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL FEIBERT HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON HANDCARRYING 10 COPIES GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT TO POLLACK. COPIES ALSO POUCHED. BOTH ESRO REPRESENTATIVES EMPHASIZED THAT PRESENT DRAFT GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT IS AN ESRO SECRETARIAT DRAFT WITH WHICH SOME NATIONAL DELEGATES MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY IN ACCORD.

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3. GIBSON REQUESTED IDENTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL U. S. OFFICIALS AT APRIL 18 MEETING ON GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. PRESENTLY FORESEEABLE EUROPEAN DELEGATES INCLUDE TRELLA, LOOSCH AND VAN EESBECK AND SCIENCE ATTACHES FROM FRENCH AND NETHERLANDS EMBASSIES WASHINGTON. NEITHER UK NOR SPAIN EXPECTED SEND REPRESENTATIVES.

4. GIBSON SAID EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION AT MAY-3-4 GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL APRIL 26 MEETING SPACE-LAB BOARD. HE COMMENTED THAT THEY WOULD BE AT LEVEL OF MINISTERIAL ALTERNATES COMMITTEE.

5. GIBSON PROVIDED FOLLOWING COMMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE IN GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS, ASKING THAT THEY BE CONSIDERED AS PRIVILEGED REMARKS. HE SAID THERE EXISTS STRONG FEELING IN SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS THAT IN SIGNING POST- APOLLO AGREEMENT THEY WILL BE ENTERING INTO A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH U. S. THEY ARE PLEASED THAT OTHER ESRO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING BUT ATTACH A SPECIAL VALUE TO CHARACTER OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH U. S. IN PROGRAM. GIBSON SUGGESTED U. S. ACTIONS SEEK TO PRESERVE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THIS RELATIONSHIP.

6. HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO SPECIAL NATURE OF MAURICE LEVY'S POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN NEGOTIATION OF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. GIBSON BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT U. S. RECOGNIZE THAT LEVY IS NOT REPEAT NOT ACTING FOR EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AS CHAIRMAN OF ESRO COUNCIL, SAID U. S. WOULD BE ILL- ADVISED ADDRESS HIM BY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TITLE DURING GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID ESRO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE SELECTED LEVY AS THEIR SPOKESMAN NOT AS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BUT BECAUSE HE, AS FRENCH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, COMBINES EXPERIENCE AND PRESTIGE UNIQUELY QUALIFYING HIM AS EUROPEAN SPOKESMAN. (GIBSON EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE SOME GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO THIS POINT.)

7. GIBSON'S THIRD REMARK CONCERNED THE WORD QUOTE FOREIGN UNQUOTE AS USED IN DRAFT AGREEMENTS. HE SAID THIS WORD CARRIES A DEROGATORY CONNOTATION FOR MANY EUROPEANS AND SUGGESTED IT BE REPLACED WHEREVER POSSIBLE BY QUOTE NON- AMERICAN UNQUOTE OR SOME EQUIVALENT TERM. HE SUGGESTED THAT A U. S. SPOKESMAN REMARK AT SOME POINT THAT TERM QUOTE FOREIGN UNQUOTE IS WITHOUT PREJUDICIAL CONNOTATION. IRWIN
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